

Western Adelaide Residents' Association Inc

Minutes of the General Meeting held on 31st May 2017 at the Henley Town Hall

Attendance: 28, as per Roll

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 29th March 2017 accepted. Moved Pedro Schultz, Seconded Richard Smith. Carried

Treasurer's Report

Our new Treasurer, Chrissy Schultz, reported that we have \$1607.51 in our working account and \$5000 in our Term Deposit which has come due today, 31st May 2017.

Motion: "That we have 4 signatories for our bank account:- James G Douglas, Christine M Schultz, Alan Goldsmith and Anne Wheaton, with any 2 persons to sign cheques." Moved: Chrissy Schultz, Seconded: Anne Wheaton. **Carried Unanimously.**

Motion: "That this General Meeting of the Western Adelaide Residents' Association Inc held on 31st May 2016 authorise the amount of \$2,000 be transferred from our Term Deposit Account to our General Savings Account to cover the costs of a new compute to be purchased for the primary use of the President of the Association. That the remaining \$3,000 in the Term Deposit be retained in the Term Deposit Account at the best available interest rate for a minimum of six months." Moved: Chrissy Schultz, Seconded: Alan Goldsmith. **Carried unanimously.**

Paul Laris told the meeting about the initiative by the **Anti-Poverty Network SA** to attempt to raise the Newstart Allowance with the leaflet called "A 'Fair Go' for Job-Seekers - Time to raise Newstart"

Mary Lovich, a mosaic artist with plans to create a large mosaic on the concrete walls near Break-Out Creek, is seeking crowd-funding to help with the task; she is hoping to raise \$5000. Mary showed some slides of the initial stage of the mosaic and the crowd funding page. Jim Douglas suggested she should approach the Ward Councillors and see if she could get some of their Discretionary Allowance. Other suggestions included applying to the Bendigo Bank. It was noted that the Charles Sturt Council, unlike many other Councils, has not had an Arts Officer since 2002. Theo said the mosaics would be an important tourist attraction.

Dog, Dolphin & Horse - Anne Wheaton showed us a short video about a potential film being planned about the Port River dolphins and the request for funds to help make it. The video will be put up on the website. **Motion:** "That the Exec consider making a donation to help produce it" was **passed unanimously** by the meeting.

The Nuclear Free Zone Policy. Paul and Bert reported that the Council had received our submission and that the *Mayor had noted the policy but rejected it.* All other nuclear-free zone policies by other councils have lapsed. It may possibly be a Messenger story in the future.

Relocation of the Henley Library.

This presentation by Pedro Schultz and Chrissy Schultz discussed the plan by Council to downsize the current library and move it near Henley Square. The plan is to move the RSL and the 'Cheer-up Hut' into a small part of the library and the Meeting Hall and then demolish the remaining area to sell off the land - Pedro has done some deep research and uncovered this scheme buried in the Council Minutes of April 2017. *It is a terrible decision, wrong on many counts, and posters and flyers have been made to oppose it.* The action group is called **CLAG** - preserving Henley community library services.

There are 3 plans of action:

- 1) Participate in the *Shape the Future of the Henley Library* using the *Your Say* web page - it's not easy - if people cannot do it, they should contact Anne Wheaton who will post on their behalf.
- 2) Attend the *Open Day on 10th June in the Square* - CLAG will also have a table there to give the opposing view.
- 3) Be part of a *delegation to the Council on 13th June*. CLAG has already contacted many schools in the area.

Calvin said that libraries provide community groups with places to meet - providing places of trust and knowledge. Rumour has it that the rent for a possible site for the library could be as high as \$500,000 per annum - giving a justifiable cause for Council to shut it down.

Telstra Tower

Wacra strongly opposes the proposed 35m Telstra Tower in East Tce. There have already been 3 hearings in the ERD Court with Telstra trying to force the Council and Residents to accept the proposed location. The next Direction Hearing is the 3rd July. There are 2 residents joined with the Council in the court action. The Council is planning to bring in a Radio Frequency Expert and the structure of the current Tower is being checked to see if it really is unsuitable to be upgraded. Interestingly, according to the Federal Minister, the location of the tower falls under Council and State Jurisdiction and this information has been passed on to Council. Cr Bob Randall said it was a case of NIMBY and has since apologised.

Coast Park This has come to a halt due to the Supreme Court action being taken by a group of residents determined to stop the path going past their properties. Work on the path through the Tennyson Dunes may start soon and a series of pink ribbons has been staked out between Terminus St and Bournemouth St - it needs to be investigated.

The Coastal Protection Board has advised the CS Council and us that a study will take place to look at the West Beach Boat Harbor, Barcoo Outlet, the West Beach Surf Life Saving Club and the Torrens Outlet - the most vulnerable areas - and a report will be produced at the end of June. John Dundin and Ian Dyson are involved.

Wetlands - The proposal to move the horses to Apex Park and allow them to use only 1/3 of the river bank has met a hurdle in that the residents don't want the horses there. SA Water has increased the agistment fees and marked the horses.

The **Grange Community Centre** has been bulldozed.

General Business

The **Marine Discovery Centre** will be open from 2PM this Sunday.

The **West Beach Surf Life Saving Club** is in negotiations with the Council regarding the possible relocation of the club rooms. There are 3 possible options - stay where they are, build new clubrooms on the Cynthia Reserve or co-locate with the Henley Sailing Club. Several members of the club are pushing for the new club rooms on the reserve while the Council thinks it may be better to simply repair the current buildings when they fix the beach wall which is already going to be a multimillion dollar task. Many of the other clubs along the shore have received huge amounts of money from the Council and the Emergency Levy and the WBSLSC no doubt feels due to some too.

Meeting closed 9:45PM

Alan Goldsmith - Secretary
4th June 2017